

## CONGRESS MEETS AGAIN.

The Opening Day of the Fifty-Fifth First Regular Session.

### READING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Crowds Witness the Proceedings in Both Houses—Floral Offerings Profuse—Senate's Session Brief—Incidents Attending the House's Convening—Both Adjourn Out of Respect For Dead Members

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The regular session of the Fifty-fifth Congress began at noon Monday, when Vice-President Hobart, in the Senate, called these respective bodies to order. As Congress was organized last March, the opening session was rather tame in comparison with the usual first day. Although the galleries were crowded in both Senate and House, there was not the rush as is generally the case when a new Congress assembles. The corridors were not crowded with hurrying spectators, for those who wanted to get in the galleries came early, secured good seats and contented themselves watching the scenes on the floor. The public galleries were filled, but those reserved for the executive and diplomatic guests were empty. The two houses after appointing committees to notify the President that Congress was in session took a recess until one o'clock. Promptly at that hour the President's message was received and read. The reading was listened to with much closer interest than usual, and at times there were outbursts of applause for some of the more striking points.

### MEETING OF THE SENATE.

Vice-President Hobart Calls the Body to Order and Work Begins.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The Senate Chamber at the opening of the session was a veritable conservatory. The floral display was unusually rich and beautiful, and the odor of flowers was heavy in the hall.

Half an hour before the Senate convened the public and executive and reserved galleries were filled with spectators to witness the opening of the session. The handsome costumes of the women added much to the brightness of the scene.

Vice-President Hobart called the Senate to order at noon and announced the opening of the session with prayer by the Chaplain. The Chaplain spoke of the nation's heart beating reverently by the bedside of the President's mother, and prayed for her "quiet and peaceful passage to the celestial world." The roll of Senators was then called, and seventy-seven responded, showing the absence of only twelve.

The usual committees to notify the President and the Senate's Assistant Secretary were in session were then appointed, after which a recess was taken. At 1:30 the Senate reconvened and immediately the President's message was presented by Mr. Prudden, the President's Assistant Secretary. The reading of the message was concluded at 2:50. The document was ordered printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Walcott then announced the death of his colleague, Senator James Z. George, of Mississippi, and offered the usual resolution of condolence with the dead Senator's family. This was adopted, and as a further mark of respect, the Senate adjourned.

### THE HOUSE ASSEMBLES.

Speaker Reed Starts the Proceedings With a New Gavel.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The Hall of Representatives presented an animated appearance long before the hour of noon arrived. The galleries were filled with people, and before 11 o'clock the encircling galleries which overlooked the floor were black with people.

The representation of a huge gavel, in red and white carnations, stood upon the Speaker's table. Many members also were remembered with floral offerings from admiring friends and the chamber looked a bower of roses. The roll call of the clock struck the hour of 12, Speaker Reed, attired in a black cutaway coat and wearing a red tie, pushed through the green haze doors from the lobby and ascended the rostrum.

One crack of the gavel subdued the din on the floor and the conversation in the overhanging galleries. The gavel with which the Speaker called the House to order was presented to him by J. C. Groner, Sheriff of Knox County, Tennessee. The gavel was made of wood of an apple tree which grew beside the log house in which Farragut was born. This house stood at Lower Dyers on the Tennessee River, six miles below Knoxville.

In the deep silence which followed the calling of the assembly to order, the prayer of the President was read by the Rev. Charles A. Berry, of Wolverhampton, England, was impressive. The Speaker then directed the Clerk to call the roll.

The roll call showed the presence of 301 members. There were no deaths or resignations during the recess and the credentials of the members-elect were read by the direction of the Speaker, who then administered the oath of office to them. The new members were then sworn in by the Speaker, who then called the roll of the members-elect. The roll call showed the presence of 301 members. There were no deaths or resignations during the recess and the credentials of the members-elect were read by the direction of the Speaker, who then administered the oath of office to them. The new members were then sworn in by the Speaker, who then called the roll of the members-elect.

On motion of Mr. Dinkley, the message was referred to the Committee of the Whole and ordered printed. Mr. Lawrence (Rep., Mass.) then officially announced the death of his predecessor, Representative Wright, and Mr. Allen (Dem., Miss.) the death of Senator George. Out of respect to their memories, the House then, at 3:35 p. m., adjourned.

### Germany's Ultimatum.

Two German cruisers arrived at Port au Prince and presented an ultimatum to the authorities on which, giving the latter eight hours in which to grant the demand for an indemnity to Herr Lueders.

### President Returns to Canton.

Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of the President, rallied sufficiently soon after noon Monday to recognize her son by his bedside and take some spoonfuls. The President left Washington for Canton, Ohio, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., on the day that Congress reassembled.

### Big Storm in Italy.

Enormous damage has been done by a storm which swept over Italy. Seventeen vessels were wrecked in the Bay of Naples and their crews were lost. Many crops are reported from the islands of Sardinia and Sicily.

### Prominent People.

Former President Cleveland has written the Times Annual Association that his son will be in the class of 1915 or 1916 at Princeton.

Sir William L. Drinkwater, who has resigned the position of Ambassador to the Isle of Man, occupied the office for fifty years.

Lafayette Hearst, who has lived many years in Japan, says that the grotesque pictures made by Japanese artists now seem to him to be true.

When Mark Twain was recently given a dinner by the Vienna Journalists' Club he made a speech half in German and half in English and kept his hearers laughing all the time.

## THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

Senator Allen made a speech in the Senate in support of a resolution he introduced providing for a recognition of the independence of Cuba.

At the semi-annual meeting of the American University's Trustees in Washington, it was shown that its assets now aggregate \$1,000,000.

Senator Gage has submitted to the Department of State his report upon the action of the Treasury in suppressing filibustering expeditions to Cuba.

In the Senate a bill was introduced to prohibit pelagic sealing by vessels of the United States, and a similar bill was introduced in the House.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee decided not to press consideration of the Hawaiian Annexation treaty for a time, the votes necessary for ratification being lacking.

Members of the House Committee on Banking and Currency were unable to agree upon any measure for reform of the currency system.

In the House there was a sharp controversy on the Ways and Means Committee and the Banking and Currency Committees, and latterly being sustained in its claim to jurisdiction over that portion of the President's message relating to the currency question.

A point of order in the Senate by members of the Foreign Relations Committee failed to show the two-thirds required to ratify the Hawaiian treaty.

The recent influx of Italian immigrants was caused, it is said, by reports of the restriction of restrictive measures by Congress. Our Ambassador at Rome advises that a wholesale traffic in forged American naturalization papers is being carried on in Italy.

Miss Christine Bradley, the daughter of Governor Bradley, has accepted the invitation of Secretary Long to christen the battleship Kentucky.

### Domestic.

At the trial of Charles A. Bonal, at Bridgeport, Conn., on the charge of murdering George Marcus Nichols, of Daniels Farm, his accomplice, David A. Weeks, turned State's evidence, and confessed that in addition to this crime they conspired to kill other persons in New York, Connecticut, in New York State, and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Saul Jacobs has been arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, and will be taken to New York City to plead to an indictment found against him in connection with the murder of a gold-dust aviator by which Max Bernstein was drowned to part with nearly \$15,000 for brass filings worth \$6.70.

Russell Herring, a young man of Shelburne, N. Y., was described as being afflicted with a cancer on his face and committed suicide by hanging himself. Kansas is suffering from a water famine. Many towns are without water. The prolonged drought has become a serious matter, and the people are suffering.

Ernest A. Hummel, a jeweler of St. Paul, Minn., has invented a device which sends pictures by telegraph.

Hundreds of rats attacked Robert Cook, a farmer in Fairview, Penn., who was imprisoned in a narrow space and swarmed upon him till he fell senseless. His sight was destroyed while he lay unconscious.

December wheat sold at \$1.01 in Chicago, and hung with a fraction of \$1 all day, with little trading doing. It is expected to go to \$1.05.

Claus Spreckles has purchased 19,000 acres of land in Monterey County, California, a large part of which he will use in growing sugar beets.

The Cotton Manufacturers' Association of Fall River, Mass., voted to reduce wages in the city.

At Williamstown, Mass., Mrs. Hewitt, wife of Professor J. H. Hewitt, of Williams College, was robbed by a highwayman within fifty rods of her home. A roughly-dressed man sprang from the bushes, seized her, and ran off with her purse and watch.

Chief Justice Conway, of the Wyoming Supreme Court, died in Cheyenne, Wyo., at the age of 73, after a long illness. He was elected in 1890.

Simon McDonald, a New York policeman, formerly a trainer of trotting horses, was killed in a runaway in Central Park.

Adam Ueber killed Hans Anderson at Gardenville, Wis. The crime was a particularly old-blooded one, and the murderer was taken to Genoa for safety. Twenty-five armed men, all masked, rode into Genoa, and captured him. He was stripped of his money and taken to the city.

The case of Sarah Ann Angell against the estate of Jay Gould was declared against her in New York City after Mrs. Margaret E. Gould had testified against her. Mrs. Angell, who she formerly kept company with, Helen and Frank Gould were in court.

The Republican politicians of New Jersey are in a flutter over the succession to Governor Griggs, who has accepted the position of Attorney-General in the President's Cabinet. Foster M. Voorhees is apparently the leading candidate for the Presidency of the Senate, which office carries with it the right of succession to the Governorship.

The employees and officials of the Central-Hudson Railroad who testified before the State Railroad Commissioners at Albany, N. Y., advanced the theory that the wreck at Garrison's on October 24 was caused by obstructions placed on the track.

The will of George A. Brandreth, the pill manufacturer, was filed at White Plains, N. Y. He was thought to be a millionaire, but left an estate valued at only \$100,000.

Three persons were killed outright in a collision of trolley cars going at full speed on the Detroit and Oakland electric road. Superintendent John Savage of the road was one of the victims.

A combination of the wire, wire-nail and steel-rod interests has almost been perfected; it is said that the control of the pool will be in the hands of J. P. Morgan and his associates, of New York City.

Arthur Thorn, the murderer of William Goldenshue, was taken from the Queens County Jail, Long Island City, to the State Prison at Sing Sing, and placed in the death house. The convicted man seems to have retained a desire for notoriety, and avoided the curious ones who tried to get a glimpse of him.

Providence, R. I., is afflicted with many burglaries. In consequence of criminals having fled from Boston by rigorous police measures.

George R. Blodgett, who was shot by a burglar at his home, in Schenectady, N. Y., died the next afternoon.

### Foreign.

Berlin advises of the affair at Port au Prince, Hayti, say the German cruiser Stein cleared for action before the indemnity was paid.

Emperor Francis Joseph will prolong the status quo between Austria and Hungary by imperial decree.

Prince Henry of Prussia, visited Prince Bismarck at Friedrichsruh, before his departure for Kiel to take command of the second squadron destined for Chinese waters.

The French and English Governments have reached an agreement as to the Upper Nile territory in Africa: the French expedition in the Lago Hinterland fought five engagements with the natives before occupying Nikki.

President Sam, of Hayti, issued a proclamation saying that the submission to German demands was due to the failure to receive certain moral support he had expected.

The greatest labor struggle of the century is about to take place in Great Britain.

## A NEW CABINET OFFICER.

Governor John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, to Become Attorney-General.

### HE WILL SUCCEED M'KENNA.

Official Announcement of the Coming Change Made by President McKinley—The Appointee Will Take Office When McKenna Enters the Supreme Court—To Resign as Governor on January 11.

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## LYNCHED THE CONSTABLE.

Crowd of Miners Released His Prisoner and Murdered the Officer.

The dead body of James Murray, constable at Jenny Lind, a coal-mining town in Sebastian County, Arkansas, was found by the roadside. It was at first supposed that Murray had been murdered, but it has since been established that the officer was lynched by a mob of coal miners.

Constable Murray went to the Bonanza to arrest a miner, Grant McBroome, for whom he was a wanted man. He captured McBroome without trouble and started with his prisoner for Jenny Lind about midnight. This was the last seen of Murray alive.

The constable's body was found next morning. His hands were tied behind his back and his neck was black and blue, showing plainly the imprint of a rope. Blood oozed from a dozen bullet wounds in the body and his clothing was torn into shreds. The coroner began an investigation, and it has been fully developed that he was waylaid by a mob of McBroome's friends, composed of miners determined upon rescuing the prisoner and that Murray was lynched, the body cut down and placed by the roadside. McBroome was released.

### HANGMAN'S NOOSE STAYED.

Murderer Threw Down Bible and Lighted Cigarette at the News.

Philip Hill, colored, who killed George Lawrence on April 27, was to have been hanged at Pittsburg, Penn., at noon, Wednesday. His lawyers raced to Harrisburg with new evidence, only to find that the Governor had pardoned the murderer. They hastened there, but the Governor refused to interfere. Then they hurried back to Pittsburg and got a writ of error. The attorney for the sheriff advised that the writ operated as a stay.

Word was taken to Hill fifteen minutes before he was to have been hanged. He was reading his Bible, but he threw it aside when told of the stay. He did not get as much as he wanted and decided to try to increase it by playing poker. He lost all. The money Hill's lawyers are using now was raised by his mother.

### A MILLION ON HIS LIFE.

George W. Vanderbilt Takes Out the Largest Policy Ever Written.

The largest life insurance policy ever issued by any company in the world was taken out by George W. Vanderbilt a few days ago in New York City. The policy is for the straight life, twenty-year class, and amounts to \$1,000,000. The premium is to be paid annually in installments of \$35,000.

Until a few years ago a policy for \$1,000,000 was considered the maximum amount any company would write upon the life of an individual. The Vanderbilt policy is the largest ever written, and it is a record for the life insurance industry.

Mr. Vanderbilt immediately sailed for Europe with a voucher for his good health and the prospect of a long life. It would be impossible to gain.

### NEW CURE FOR SPRAINS.

Injured Member Baked at a Temperature of 300 Degrees.

E. B. Hinman, a sophomore in the University of California, has had his leg baked in an oven at a temperature of 300 degrees Fahrenheit to cure a sprain. This is eighty-eight degrees higher than the temperature of boiling water, and twice the heat at which meat is ordinarily roasted for the table. The sprain was caused by a wonderful accident. The injured limb was treated in a specially prepared apparatus consisting of a copper cylinder resting on iron supports with a gas burner underneath.

Hinman's leg was wrapped in absorbent cotton and placed in the cylinder, with non-conducting rubber bags closing the interior so that the heat could not escape. After three bakings the sprain was entirely cured.

### WIDOW'S UNIQUE SUIT.

Wants Damages From a Liqueur Dealer Because of Her Husband's Death.

In Macon County, Missouri, is a woman who believes in doing a thing thoroughly when she does it at all. She is Mrs. J. C. Traut, and about a year ago her husband was killed by a railroad train while drunk. Some time before she had notified the railroad company of her husband's death, and she had a private detective watch him. The saloonkeeper paid no attention to her orders, and she was angry. The detective had counted 214 drinks when Traut was killed, and now the widow has brought suit against the saloonkeeper, asking damages of \$100,000. The case is being tried in the Federal court at Macon.

### GOT \$200 AND WAS HANGED.

Execution of the Instrument of Vengeance of Some Tennessee Miners.

At Clinton, Anderson County, Tenn., Myrtle Leach, was hanged for the murder of J. D. Heck on February 17 last. Leach made a confession. He said that he and four other men drew straws to decide who should do the killing, and the lot fell to him. Each of the others then put up \$50 to pay him for the crime.

All five men were miners, and Heck was superintendent of the mine. They decided to kill him because he took the part of a miner named Morgan who killed a bank boss. The miners thought that Morgan ought to be punished and had Heck murdered for his interference.

### Rapid Rail Laying.

During the past three months the Maintenance of Way Department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has been very busy laying the new eighty-five pound steel track last summer by the Bevelers.

Eight miles of track were laid on the new eighty-five pound track on the third and second divisions, and but four miles remain to be laid on the latter division. On the Parkersburg branch 3000 tons have been used in the track, and there are still about 25,000 tons of rail to be delivered and it will be laid as rapidly as possible. With continued good weather Chief Engineer Manning expects to lay rails all the winter.

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### Pardons a Flit Finger.

Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, Ins great respect for a man who settles personal difficulties with his fists.

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### Minor Mention.

It is told of two men of Brewer, Me., that one of them ate a bushel of peaches, and the other ten pounds of grapes at one sitting.

Three hundred and fifty million messages were sent through the telephones of the United Kingdom in 1896.

The new Chinese Minister, Wu Ting Fong, will establish a Chinese free school in San Francisco. Teachers will be brought from China.

Charles L. Hofmann, a restaurateur, of Rutherford, N. J., found twenty-two pearls in an oyster while filling an order for two "half shells."

One of the stray shots of some careless Maine hunters knocked the pipe from the mouth of a man who was driving with his wife near Biddeford.

Bishop Leighton Coleman, of Wilmington, Del., is making a flag which he seeks to have adopted by the Episcopal Church of America as its emblem.

## GERMANS HUMBLE HAYTI

She Salutes the Flag, Receives the Minister and Pays Indemnity.

### TERMS OF THE ULTIMATUM.

Black Republic's Humiliation Complete—During the Salute Ceremony a Haytian Band Played the German Anthem—American Minister Withdrew From Conference, Declaring Terms Too Severe